

MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED MEETING OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HELD ON JULY 1, 2021

The reconvened Board meeting of the South Indian River Water Control District was held on July 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Work Center, 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter, Florida, and via Zoom video conferencing. Present in person were Supervisors Tom Powell, John Jones, and Susan Kennedy. Supervisors John Meyer and Michael Howard were present via Zoom conferencing. Also present in person were Amy Eason, engineer; Mike Dillon, manager of operations; Charles Haas, treasurer; William Capko, attorney; Donna DeNinno, public information; and Jane Woodard, secretary. Three landowners were also present.

Mr. Powell called the meeting to order. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Haas again presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget. He explained that the preliminary assessments are based on the revenue needed from landowners. He stated there will be a budget information meeting for the landowners next week, and a public hearing in August. At this time, Mr. Haas requested Board review of the proposed budget for the TRIM bill. He noted it is okay to include higher assessments now; the Board will have until the end of August to take items out of the budget.

Mr. Haas discussed budget items not fully covered at the last meeting. In Jupiter Farms there will be a shift of \$120,000 from water control to road maintenance. The Jupiter Farms Re-Engineering Project budget has been reduced. The road maintenance budget has increased by \$120,000. Mr. Haas explained how road maintenance is assessed over approximately 4,800 parcels. Components include equipment charges and the renewal and replacement fund which is based on the amount of miles of District-paved roads. A spreadsheet shows how these roads are laid out and who is being assessed. Ms. Kennedy was concerned about the level of service and requested that the Board address this as a district-wide issue.

The combined capital projects budget is \$249,800.

In Palm Beach Country Estates, the road maintenance budget is increased. The water distribution fund has benefitted from the interlocal agreement with the Town of Jupiter and there is carry-forward money in the fund. Mr. Haas suggested decreasing this fund by \$12,000, which will keep the assessments equal in Palm Beach Country Estates.

Egret Landing and Jupiter Commerce Park only have water control assessments.

Mr. Haas explained that the internal service fund is used to accumulate the cost of maintenance services. These costs are then allocated to properties that benefit but have no direct assessments. This fund will increase by \$65,500.

Debt service assessments are primarily for roads and are increased by \$8,000.

Mr. Haas noted that, although this is a preliminary estimate, most of the change in the budget is a \$27/parcel increase in road maintenance in Jupiter Farms. A worksheet will be available to the landowners who want to calculate their individual assessment. There will also be a table available for landowners to check using their tax ID number.

Ms. Kennedy requested that information regarding the telemetry project be included in the next newsletter and on the website.

Mr. Haas stated the budget will be adopted after the public hearing in August. He asked the Board for any additional input at this time. Ms. Kennedy was concerned about reducing the water control fund. Mr. Dillon confirmed this will not change the level of service. Mr. Haas stated there has been an excess in this fund and it is now being leveled out.

There were no further questions or additional input from the Board and the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED.